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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

### Security Council

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| 10 a.m. | Consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultations Room |

Burundi

Other matters

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| Morning[1] | 5560th meeting | Security Council Chamber |

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2006/817)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

### Security Council Ad Hoc Committee on Mandate Review

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| 3 p.m. | Conference Room 4 |

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

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| 10 a.m. | 44th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

1. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/547) [133]
2. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

**General Assembly**
Sixty-first session

There will be a closed meeting of the Informal Working Group on Mandate Review on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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**Announcement**

The Third Committee is expected to begin its consideration of agenda item 68 (Report of the Human Rights Council), on Wednesday, 1 November 2006, at 10 a.m. This item was allocated to the Third Committee by the General Assembly on 26 October 2006 (A/C.3/61/1/Add.1). The list of speakers for the general discussion on item 68 is now open. To inscribe on the list, please contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel: 1 (212) 963-5722, fax: 1 (212) 963-5935). *The list will be closed at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, 1 November 2006.*

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

### Main Committees

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

3–6 p.m. 19th meeting — Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/61/13, A/61/347, A/61/358, A/61/278 and A/61/172) [31]

*Interactive dialogue*

*General debate*

**Fifth Committee**

10 a.m. 13th meeting — Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

Renovation to the Secretary-General's residence: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/377 and A/61/523)

*Introduction and general discussion*

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Renovation to the Secretary-General's residence: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/377 and A/61/523); and Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Committee.

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

**Sixth Committee**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 16th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

4.30–6 p.m. 17th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10) [78]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda item 78 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

## General Assembly

**Committee on Relations with the Host Country**

3–4.30 p.m. 231st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of a Vice-Chairperson
2. Consideration and adoption of the draft report
3. Other matters

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico) *today*, 31 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

### Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)**

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)**

From 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, (Argentina), under agenda item 69 (c) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities – International Year of Natural Fibres)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of economies in transition into the world economy)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

**Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland), under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))**

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

## Informal consultations convened by delegations

**Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on combating defamation of religions (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan))**

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, under agenda item 43 (convened by the delegation of Greece)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

## Other meetings

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**Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

**2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme**

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| 9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room E |
| 2–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room E |

**JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)**

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| 9.15–9.45 a.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

**African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room D |

**African Group (Third Committee experts)**

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| 1.15–2.45 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on oil slick; desertification; the Convention on Biological Diversity, Agenda 21; global climate; natural disasters and vulnerability)**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

**Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)**

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| 1.30–2.45 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

**Group of 77 (on macroeconomic issues; and strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)**

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| 1.15–2.30 p.m. | Closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing declaration and platform for action and the outcome of the twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly)**

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| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |

**Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)**

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| 10 a.m.–12 noon | Closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

**Friends of the International Criminal Court: Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in French)**

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| 1.15–2.30 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room B |

**Meeting of the Consultative Mechanism of Interested States, in particular African States, for the reorganization of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>*

**Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

*Room S-226*

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

## Announcements

**Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services**

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

*Today*, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

**United Nations Global Youth Leadership Summit (29-31 October 2006)**

The United Nations Global Youth Leadership Summit, organized by the United Nations Office of Sport for Development and Peace continue *today*, 31 October 2006. For further information, please contact Mr. Richard Leonard, United Nations Office of Sport for Development and Peace (tel. 1 (212) 906-5469; e-mail richard.leonard@undp.org); or visit <www.un.org/youthsummit>.

**Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)**

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. 45th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of the International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [156]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/509)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/548)

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 46th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [103 (b)]

(a) Letter from Spain (A/61/89)

(b) Letter from Turkey (A/61/296)

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

**Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)**

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Wednesday, 1 November 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

## Main Committees

**Second Committee**

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Friday, 3 November 2006,* from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of economies in transition into the world economy)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural Disasters and Vulnerability)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

*Monday, 13 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Wednesday, 15 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the theme "Energy security and its implications for the future" on Wednesday, 1 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Panellists will include Prof. Zhou Dadi, Director-General, Energy Research Institute, National Development and Reform Commission of China; Dr. Daniel Yergin, Chairman and Co-Founder, Cambridge Energy Research Associates; and Mr. Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan.

The event is being organized jointly by the Division for Sustainable Development and the Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will be moderated by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

**Third Committee**

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

*Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination).

**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold its 14th meeting on Wednesday, 1 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting in Conference Room 5.

**United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)**

**Executive Board**
Resumed third session

The resumed third session of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

## Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

*Friday, 3 November 2006,* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on missing persons, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room GA-37.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural understanding, dialogue and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

*Wednesday, 1 November 2006,* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**African Group (Third Committee experts)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

**UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

**Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests Ad Hoc Expert Group on a Non-legally Binding Instrument (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Forum Secretariat)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. at the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Friends of the International Criminal Court**

**Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)**
*Friday, 3 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

**Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance**
*Tuesday, 14 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

**Sixth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by UN-OHRLLS)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006,* from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

**UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties**

**French Seminar**
*Tuesday, 7 November 2006,* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

**English Seminar**

*Wednesday, 8 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

## Other forthcoming activities

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**High-level round table on "Assessing the UNCCD process and identifying challenges ahead", on the occasio of the celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (organized by the secretariat of th United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), in cooperation with the Permanent Missio of Italy)**

*Wednesday and Thursday, 1 and 2 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[The round table will be closed. For further information, please contact Ms. Frederika Teixeira (tel. 1 917 367-4081; e-mail teixeira2@un.org).]

**Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Missio**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

**Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponsored the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

# Announcements

Security Council

**Daily informal briefings**

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 30 October 2006**

## Security Council

5558th meeting (closed) *The situation in the Central African Republic*

*Interim report of the Secretary-General on the situation in the Central African Republic (S/2006/828)*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 5558th meeting, held in private on 30 October 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in the Central African Republic'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to General Lamine Cissé, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic.

"Members of the Council, General Cissé and His Excellency Mr. Elie Dote, Prime Minister of the Central African Republic, had an exchange of views."

5559th meeting

*The situation in the Middle East*

*Fourth semi-annual report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) (S/2006/832)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at her request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/43).

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

42nd plenary meeting

*Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency* [81]

*(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/266)*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.9)*

The Acting President made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Elbaradei, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, made a statement, in the course of which he presented the report of the Agency for the year 2005.

The representative of Slovenia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR) and India.

The representative of Egypt made a statement on a point of order.

The observer for Palestine made a statement (on behalf of the Group of Arab States).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Pakistan, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Angola, Croatia, South Africa and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

43rd plenary meeting

*Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency* [81]

*(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/266)*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.9)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 81.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Malaysia, the Sudan, Argentina, Iceland, Belarus, Nigeria, Singapore, Ukraine, Indonesia, Armenia and Moldova.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 114 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.9 (resolution A/61/8).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Zambia made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

## Main Committees

### First Committee

23rd meeting

*Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97)*

The Committee continued its third stage, namely the "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 82 to 97)."

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Chile, the Dominican Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.21/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 163 to none, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.54/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 128 to 3, with 36 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan (on behalf of Austria, Ireland, Japan, Malta, New Zealand, Sweden and Switzerland), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands (on behalf of Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Norway, Romania, Turkey and the Netherlands), Austria, China, Canada, Israel, Italy, the United Kingdom (on behalf of France, the United States and the United Kingdom), Australia, Spain, Brazil, Pakistan, Germany, Egypt, Indonesia and the Russian Federation.

A statement was made by the representative of Mali.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.25, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote.

The operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.26 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 163 to 2, with no abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.26, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 164 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Statements were made by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.46/Rev.1, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.17/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 116 to 1, with 51 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Switzerland.

A statement was made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

Draft resolution A/C.1/61/L.4 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 166 to 1, with no abstentions.

The Committee thus concluded the third stage of its work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (item 82 to 97)."

*Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly* [110]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 110.

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Committee adopted its draft programme of work and timetable for the next session, as contained in A/C.1/61/CRP.6/Rev.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration and action on agenda item 110.

The Chairperson made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Finland (in its capacity as the presidency of the European Union).

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

18th meeting

*International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space* [30]

The representative of France, in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Group of the Whole, made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

*Action on draft resolutions*

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.2/Rev.1 without a vote, as orally amended.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.3/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 30.

*Effects of atomic radiation* [29]

The Committee concluded its general debate with a statement by the representative of India.

*Action on a draft resolution*

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.7 without a vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Spain.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 29.

*Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly* [110]

The Chairman made a statement.

*University for Peace* [28]

The Rector of the University for Peace made a statement.

The Committee held an interactive dialogue with the Rector of the University for Peace and heard questions and comments by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nigeria.

*Action on a draft resolution*

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.8 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 28.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

**Second Committee**

23rd meeting

*Sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa* [53 (e)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

*Question time*

Comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nigeria and Somalia, to which the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification responded.

The Committee began its general discussion of the sub-item. Statements were made b the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Namibi Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, the Niger, China, Japan, Cape Verde and the Sudan.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 53 (e) and item 53 a whole.

*Eradication of poverty and other development issues. Industrial development cooperation* [57 (

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

*Programme planning* [1

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The representative of the United States posed a question, to which the Secretary of th Committee responded.

The representative of the United States then made a statement.

*Organization of work*

The Chairperson made a statement.

**Third Committee**

34th meeting *Promotion and protection of the rights of children* [63 (

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.16*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Uruguay introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponso listed in the document and Monaco.

Albania, Andorra, Belarus, the Congo, Moldova (Republic of) and Morocco also join in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Promotion and protection of human rights* [

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee continued its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of Moldova, the Philippines, New Zealand, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Canada, Indonesia, Belarus, the Islamic Republic of Iran Bolivia, Georgia, Mexico, Guinea-Bissau and Cameroon, as well as by the observer fo Palestine.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

*Right of reply*

The representatives of the Sudan, Cuba, Japan, Ethiopia and Uzbekistan made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the General Assembly had allocated agenda item 68 (Report of the Human Rights Council) to the Third Committee. The date for consideration of the item in the Third Committee would be placed in the *Journal* and on the Third Committee "Quick Place".

**Fifth Committee**

12th meeting

*Human resources management* [123]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Secretary-General introduced his reports entitled "Investing in people" (A/61/255) and on "Reforming the Field Service category: investing in meeting the human resources requirements of United Nations peace operations in the twenty-first century" (A/61/255/Add.1 and A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human resources management introduced the additional reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319 and A/61/201).

The Director, ad interim, of the Ethics Office introduced the report of that Office (A/61/274).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/537).

The President of the Coordinating Committee of International Staff Unions and Associations made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Togo, Zambia, Kuwait, Myanmar, the United States, Pakistan, the Sudan and Mali, as well as by the Permanent Observer of the Holy See.

*Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi* [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.5, which had been coordinated by the representative of Mexico, Rapporteur of the Committee.

Before consideration of the draft resolution, the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group) and South Africa.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

*Organization of work*

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

**Sixth Committee**

14th–15th meetings *Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session* [7

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, China, Hungary, the Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Spain, Japan, France, Italy, Portugal, Uruguay, the United States, Brazil, Ethiopia, Belarus, Poland, Switzerland, Jordan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, Greece, New Zealand, Malaysia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

*Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session* [7

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.7.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.8.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 77.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitations to war crimes and crimes against humanity. New York, 26 November 1968*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003*

*Ratification:* Colombia (27 October 2006)[1]

*Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994*

*Consent to be bound:* Niue (11 October 2006)[1]

*Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

**Treaty event**

**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006**

**Opening for signature**

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

# General information

## Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

*Asian States:*
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

*Eastern European States:*
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

*Western European and other States:*
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

# Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

*With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 30 October 2006.*

| *Symbol* | *Main title* |
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| **General Assembly** | **Official Records** |
| | **Sixty-first session** |
| A/61/PV.4 | Meeting held on 14 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/PV.5 | Meeting held on 15 September 2006, 10 a.m. [S] |
| A/61/PV.7 | Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [C E] |
| **General Assembly** | **Documents** |
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| A/61/500 | Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/509–S/2006/799 | Item 156 — Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of the International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Identical letters dated 2 October 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/519 | Item 151 — Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste — Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 25 August 2006 to 31 March 2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/532 | Item 90 (o) — General and complete disarmament — Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/537 | Items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 132, 147 and 149 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Human resources management — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara — United Nations reform: measures and proposals — Human resources management — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] |

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| A/61/540–S/2006/844 | Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 20 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| | **First Committee** |
| A/C.1/61/L.38* | Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S] |
| | **Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)** |
| A/C.4/61/L.8 | Item 28 — University for Peace — 18-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S] |
| | **Third Committee** |
| A/C.3/61/1/Add.1 | Allocation of an additional agenda item to the Third Committee — Letter dated 26 October 2006 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee [A C E F R S] |
| A/C.3/61/L.16 | Item 63 (a) — Promotion and protection of the rights of children: promotion and protection of the rights of children — 50-Power draft resolution — Rights of the child [A C E F R S] |
| | **Fifth Committee** |
| A/C.5/61/9 | Letter dated 19 October 2006 from the Chairman of the Third Committee to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] |
| A/C.5/61/L.5 | Item 133 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi — Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur following informal consultations [A C E F R S] |
| | **Sixth Committee** |
| A/C.6/61/2 | Item 148 — Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country — Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S] |

| **Security Council** | **Documents** |
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| S/2006/612 | Letter dated 3 August 2006 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/633 | Letter dated 10 August 2006 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/717 | Letter dated 6 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/509–S/2006/799 | Identical letters dated 2 October 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |

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| S/2006/810 | Letter dated 12 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/842 | Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Burundi [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/540–S/2006/844 | Identical letters dated 20 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/845 | Letter dated 25 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/Agenda/5557 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |

**Economic and Social Council**

**Documents**

**Resumed substantive session of 2006**

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| E/2006/9/Add.20 | Item 1 — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Appointment of two new members to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |

**Communications to the Editor**

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## Official meetings

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

### Security Council

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| 4 p.m. | Consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultations Room |

Côte d'Ivoire[1]

[1] With a view to a formal meeting.

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

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| 3 p.m. | 45th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

1. Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of the International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [156]

   (a) Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/509)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/548)

2. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [103 (a)]

### Security Council

The presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2006 (Peru) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of November, on Thursday, 2 November 2006 at 12.30 p.m. following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

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## Security Council

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/sc/>), in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas, as of Thursday, 2 November 2006.

## General Assembly
Sixty-first session

There will be a closed meeting of the Informal Working Group on Mandate Review on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

# General Assembly
Sixty-first session

## Main Committees

### Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m.

20th meeting

Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/61/13, A/61/347, A/61/358, A/61/278 and A/61/172) [31]

*General debate*

### Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Conference Room 4

*Panel discussion on the theme "Energy security and its implications for the future"*

Panellists:

Dr. Daniel Yergin, Chairman and Co-Founder, Cambridge Energy Research Associates

Mr. Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan

Mr. Kui-nang Mak, Chief, Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Moderator:

Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

## Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 1

1. **Promotion and protection of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280)** [67]

   (b) **Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/61/211, A/61/267, A/61/281, A/61/287, A/61/289, A/61/306, A/61/311, A/61/312, A/61/324, A/61/325, A/61/338, A/61/340, A/61/348, A/61/352, A/61/353, A/61/384, A/61/464, A/61/465, A/61/476, A/61/506 and A/61/513)**

   (c) **Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/369/Corr.1, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526)**

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

2. **Report of the Human Rights Council (A/61/53, Supp. No. 53)** [68][1]

   *General discussion*

[1] See document A/C.3/61/1/Add.1.

## Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 3

**Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201 and A/61/537)** [123]

*Conclusion of general discussion*

## Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 18th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (A/61/10)** [78]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels); and 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the

secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332, fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460, fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

## General Assembly

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Review of Governance and Oversight within the United Nations and its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies

2. Comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

**Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)**

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 1 November 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

**Second Committee**

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)**

From 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)**

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda items 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin) and 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

**Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (a) (International Year on Forests)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B

**Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6

**Facilitator, (Argentina), under agenda item 69 (c) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development)**

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D

## Informal consultations convened by delegations

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room C |

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on missing persons, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)**

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| 1.15–2.45 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room C |

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)**

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| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

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|---|---|---|
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room C |

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural understanding, dialogue and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

## Other meetings

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**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

**2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme**

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| 9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |
| 2–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

**JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)**

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|---|---|---|
| 9.15–9.45 a.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

**Group of 77 (on all remaining draft resolutions under sustainable development)**

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|---|---|---|
| 10–11.45 a.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |
| 1.15–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on macroeconomic issues; financing for development; and strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)**

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

**Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)**

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|---|---|---|
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

**Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development)**

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room |

**OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

**Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

**African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters**

1:15–2:30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

**ASEAN New York Committee (at the ambassadorial level)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

## Other activities

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**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

**High-level round table on "Assessing the UNCCD process and identifying challenges ahead", on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (organized by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Italy)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[The round table will be closed. For further information, please contact Ms. Frederika Teixeira (tel. 1 917 367-4081; e-mail teixeira2@un.org).]

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.*

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

*Room S-226*

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

## Announcements

### Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

*Today*, 1 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8: *English*

Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

### Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 46th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [103 (b)]

(a) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/89)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/296)

## Main Committees

### Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Husniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (e) (Integration of economies in transition into the world economy)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to *1.45 p.m.* in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Facilitators, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) and Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction - Natural disasters and vulnerability)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)**

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

*Monday, 13 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Wednesday, 15 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "E-government as a tool for participation and inclusion" on Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Panel will address the opportunities and challenges of e-government, including its potential for citizen engagement and inclusive governance. It is also expected to highlight trends in e-government readiness and e-participation by reviewing existing approaches worldwide and analysing the structural and process changes associated with the concept, including its technological aspects. For further information, please visit <www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2008>.

The event, organized by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Third Committee**

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

*Thursday, 2 November (agenda item 67):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Akich Okola (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi)

*Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66):*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination).

**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 2 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 15th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

**Sixth Committee**

The Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism will meet on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 10 am. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Sixth Committee will hold its 19th meeting, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

**United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)**

**Executive Board**
Resumed third session

The resumed third session of the Executive Board of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

## Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room GA-37.

**Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, under agenda item 65 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006,* from 1.15 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural understanding, dialogue and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**Asian Group (Third Committee experts) (on the draft resolution on the membership of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM) (convened by the Chair of the Consultative Committee (Jordan))**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room D.

**Group of the Least Developed Countries (consideration of the draft resolution under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries); and others matters)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**African Group (Third Committee experts)**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

**UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"**

*Thursday, 2 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

**Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content on the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Forum Secretariat)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. at the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Friends of the International Criminal Court**

**Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)**
*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

**Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance**
*Tuesday, 14 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

**Sixth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by UN-OHRLLS)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

**UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties**

**French Seminar**

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

**English Seminar**

*Wednesday, 8 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

## Other forthcoming activities

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**Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Mission)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

**Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponsored by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

## Announcements

**Security Council**

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

# Summary of official meetings

**Tuesday, 31 October 2006**

## Security Council

5560th meeting

*The situation concerning Western Sahara*

*Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2006/817)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/850, submitted by France, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/850) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/850) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1720 (2006).*

Following the vote, the representatives of the United States, France and the United Kingdom made statements.

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

44th plenary meeting

*Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/547)* [13

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee that was before it.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/61/547) (resolution 61/9).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

*Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council* [103 (

The General Assembly continued its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 103

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, t the forty-second round of balloting (twentieth unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-second round of balloting (twentieth unrestricted ballot) were follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 1 |
| Number of invalid ballots | |
| Number of valid ballots | 1 |
| Abstentions | |
| Required two-thirds majority | 1 |

Va

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Uruguay

On the forty-second round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-third round of balloting (twenty-first unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-third round of balloting (twenty-first unrestricted ballot) were follows:

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|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | |
| Number of invalid ballots | |
| Number of valid ballots | |
| Abstentions | |
| Required two-thirds majority | |

Va

Guatemala
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Ecuador
Jamaica

On the forty-third round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-fourth round of balloting (twenty-second restricted ballot).

The results of the forty-fourth round of balloting (twenty-second restricted ballot) were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 190 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 1 |
| Number of valid ballots | 189 |
| Abstentions | 7 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 122 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 106 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 76 |

On the forty-fourth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-fifth round of balloting (twenty-third restricted ballot).

The results of the forty-fifth round of balloting (twenty-third restricted ballot) were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 190 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 1 |
| Number of valid ballots | 189 |
| Abstentions | 7 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 122 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 104 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 78 |

On the forty-fifth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-sixth round of balloting (twenty-fourth restricted ballot).

The results of the forty-sixth round of balloting (twenty-fourth restricted ballot) were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 188 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots | 188 |
| Abstentions | 8 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 120 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 101 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 79 |

On the forty-sixth round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The General Assembly proceeded to the forty-seventh round of balloting (twenty-second unrestricted ballot).

The results of the forty-seventh round of balloting (twenty-second unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Number of ballot papers | 190 |
| Number of invalid ballots | 1 |
| Number of valid ballots | 189 |
| Abstentions | 7 |
| Required two-thirds majority | 122 |

| | *Votes* |
|---|---|
| Guatemala | 101 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 78 |
| Barbados | 1 |
| Ecuador | 1 |
| Uruguay | 1 |

On the forty-seventh round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

There remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

## Main Committees

### Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

19th meeting

*United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [31]

The Commissioner-General made a statement.

*Interactive dialogue*

The Committee held an interactive dialogue with the Commissioner-General and heard questions and comments by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, Senegal, Lebanon and the Sudan.

The representative of Norway, in her capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, introduced the report of the Working Group, as contained in document A/61/347.

*General debate*

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Bangladesh, Cuba, Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Moldova) and Tunisia.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to set the deadline for draft resolutions under agenda items 31 and 32 for Thursday, 2 November, at 4 p.m.

The Chairman reminded the delegations that the list of speakers would be closed at 6 p.m. on that day, 31 October.

**Fifth Committee**

13th meeting

*Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007* [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of Service III of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/377).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/61/523).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 31 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Marc-Aubin Banny (Côte d'Ivoire).

**Sixth Committee**

16th-17th meetings

*Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session* [78]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jordan, India and Cuba. The representative of the observer delegation of the European Commission also made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a statement introducing Chapters VIII and IX of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Mexico, Austria, the Netherlands, Canada, China, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Italy, France, the United States, Poland and Israel.

The Special Rapporteur on the topic "Reservations to treaties" made a statement.

## General Assembly

### Committee on Relations with the Host Country

231st meeting

*Election of a Vice-Chairperson*

The Chairman made a statement, followed by statements from the representatives of Cyprus, Mali, the United States and Côte d'Ivoire.

*Consideration and adoption of the draft report of the Committee (A/AC/154/2006/CRP.1)*

The Chairman made a statement.

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report.

The Facilitator made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Mali.

The draft report was then adopted by the Committee.

## Corrigendum

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

### Third Committee

*Corrigendum* to the summary of the 31st meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2006/207, p. 21): the second paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.5/Rev.1" *should read* as follows:

> The representative of South Africa announced that Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised and corrected the text.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN). Geneva, 19 January 1996*

*Proposal of amendments to the AGN Agreement*

*Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. Geneva, 6 April 1974*

*Succession:* Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003*

*Ratification:* United States of America (30 October 2006)[1]

*Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003*

*Consent to be bound:* France (31 October 2006)[1]

**Treaty event**

**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006**

**Opening for signature**

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

## General information

### Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
To be announced

*Asian States:*
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

*Eastern European States:*
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez

*Western European and other States:*
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

## [redacted]

*With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 31 October 2006.*

| *Symbol* | *Main title* |
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| **General Assembly** | **Official Records** |
| | **Sixty-first session** |
| A/61/12 | Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Supplement No. 12 [A C E F R S] |

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| A/61/18 | Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination — Sixty-eighth session (20 February-10 March 2006) — Sixty-ninth session (31 July-8 August 2006) — Supplement No. 18 [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/35 | Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People — Supplement No. 35 [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/PV.7 | Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 10 a.m. [S] |
| A/61/PV.9 | Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 9 a.m. [E] |
| | **Disarmament Commission** |
| A/CN.10/PV.269 | Meeting held on 10 April 2006, 10 a.m. [R] |

| **General Assembly** | **Documents** |
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| | **Sixty-first session** |
| A/61/526 | Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Uzbekistan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/533 | Item 44 — Culture of peace — Identical letters dated 16 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/534 | Items 7 and 11 — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Prevention of armed conflict — Identical letters dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Burkina Faso, El Salvador, the Gambia, Honduras, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and Tuvalu to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/543-S/2006/852 | Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 27 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/547 | Item 133 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/548 | Item 156 — Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Letter dated 13 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/L.9/Add.1 | Item 81 — 79-Power draft resolution — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/L.10 | Item 18 — One-Power draft resolution — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [A C E F R S] |

**Second Committee**

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| A/C.2/61/L.16 | Item 53 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit Sustainable Development — 14-Power draft resolution — International Year of Sanitation [A C E F R S] |

| **Security Council** | **Documents** |
|---|---|
| S/2006/784 | Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/543–S/2006/852 | Identical letters dated 27 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/Agenda/5558 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |
| | **Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire** |
| S/AC.45/2006/3/Add.1 | Note verbale dated 20 October 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S] |

**Economic and Social Council**

| | **Documents** |
|---|---|
| | **United Nations Forum on Forests Open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests** |
| E/CN.18/AC.1/2006/2 | Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Tasks of the ad hoc expert group — Developing a non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] |

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

| | **Documents** |
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| | **Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Pre-session working group Thirty-eighth session** |
| CEDAW/C/SYR/Q/1 | List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of an initial report — Syria [A C E F R S] |

**Secretariat**

ST/ADM/SER.B/654 **Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (additional) and 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [E F S (only)]**

**Communications to the Editor**

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* may be sent to Ms. Sylvie Deschênes (e-mail journal@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-4790; room S-2370; tel. 1 (212) 963-6776 and 963-3888).

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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

### Security Council

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| 10 a.m. | Consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultations Room |

Programme of work

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)**

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| 3 p.m. | 17th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 7 |

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

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| 10 a.m. | 45th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

1. Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of the International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [156]

   (a) Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/509)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/548)

2. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [103 (b)]

   (a) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/89)

   (b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/296)

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## Security Council

The presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2006 (Peru) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of November, *today*, 2 November 2006 at 12.30 p.m. following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Securit Council (<www.un.org/sc/>), in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast ha been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-u areas, as of *today*, 2 November 2006.

## General Assembly

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### Main Committees

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

Conference R

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 21st meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/61/13, A/61/347, A/61/358, A/61/278 and A/61/172)

*General debate*

**Second Committee**

Conference

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 24th meeting

1. Macroeconomic policy questions

   (a) International trade and development

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.14*

2. Sustainable development

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementati Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Develop

   *Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.16 and A/C.2/61/L.21*

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Developm Small Island Developing States

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.18*

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Pro its ninth special session

   *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.19*

3 Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [54]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.17*

4 Globalization and interdependence [55]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.15*

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.20*

5 Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/61/77-E/2006/59 and A/61/292) [58]

*Introduction and general discussion*

3 p.m. 25th meeting Conference Room 2

Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/61/77-E/2006/59 and A/61/292) [58]

*Continuation of general discussion*

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

**Third Committee**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 1

1 Promotion and protection of human rights (A/61/36, A/61/97, A/61/220 and A/61/280) [67]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/61/276, A/61/349, A/61/360, A/61/374, A/61/369, A/61/369/Corr.1, A/61/469, A/61/470, A/61/475, A/61/489, A/61/504 and A/61/526)

*Statement by, and dialogue with:*

Independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi

2. **Report of the Human Rights Council** (A/61/53, Supp. No. 53) [68]

*Continuation of general discussion*

3–6 p.m. 37th meeting Conference Room

1. **Report of the Human Rights Council** [68]

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.17 and A/C.3/61/L.18*

2. **Crime prevention and criminal justice** [98]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.9/Rev.1*

3. **International drug control** [99]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.8/Rev.2*

4. **Report of the Human Rights Council** (A/61/53, Supp. No. 53) [68]

*Continuation of general discussion*

See documents A/C.3/61/L/Add.1

**Fifth Committee**

10 a.m. 15th meeting Conference Room

1. **Improving the financial situation of the United Nations** [119]

*Statement by the Controller*

2. **Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services** (A/61/214 (Part 1), A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.2) [127]

Morning–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/60/34 and A/60/659))

3 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 3

Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201 and A/61/537) [123]

*Conclusion of general discussion*

Afternoon–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Committee.

[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the Committee.

**Sixth Committee**

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| 10 a.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |
| | Interactive dialogue on selected chapters of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session (agenda item 78) | |
| Morning[1]–1 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 7 |
| | Informal consultations on agenda item 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) | |

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) and 33 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the interactive dialogue.

## General Assembly

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| | United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) | |

**United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)**

**Executive Board**
Resumed third session

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

## General Assembly
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**Second Committee**
Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities — International Year of Natural Fibres)**

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)**

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, (Argentina), under agenda item 69 (c) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Ms. Husnivya Mammadova (Azerbaijan), under agenda item 55 (c) (Integration of economies in transition into the world economy)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

**Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)**

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

**Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)**

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)**

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

## Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Briefing

The delegation of Angola will hold an informal briefing (closed) for members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission *today*, 2 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

## Informal consultations convened by delegations

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural understanding, dialogue and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Peru)**

10–11.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room GA-37

**Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, under agenda item 65 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)**

1.15–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, under agenda item 41 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden, on behalf of the Nordic countries)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

## Other meetings

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**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

**Asian Group (Third Committee experts) (on the draft resolution on the membership of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM) (convened by the Chair of the Consultative Committee (Jordan))**

9.15–9.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

**Group of 77 (on draft resolutions on macroeconomic issues; financing for development; landlocked developing countries; and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research)**

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Cham

**Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing declaration and platform for action and the outcome of the twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly)**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

**Group of 77 (on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamb

**Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)**

1.30–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

**Group of 77 (on sustainable development)**

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamb

**Group of the Least Developed Countries (consideration of the draft resolution under agenda item 56 (a) (Thir United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries); and others matters)**

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamb

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

**Latin American and Caribbean Group**

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamb

**African Group (Third Committee experts)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

**UNITAR briefing on "Operationalizing the Peacebuilding Commission"**

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

## Other activities

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**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

**High-level round table on "Assessing the UNCCD process and identifying challenges ahead", on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification (organized by the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Italy)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[The round table will be closed. For further information, please contact Ms. Frederika Teixeira (tel. 1 917 367-4081; e-mail teixeira2@un.org).]

**Opening of a photo exhibit entitled, "The Beauty of Deserts – The Challenge of Desertification", on the occasion of the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006 (organized by the UNCCD secretariat, with the support of the Italian Ministry of Environment and IFAD)**

In the South Gallery of the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>*

**Thursday, 2 November 2006**

*Room S-226*

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesman

1 p.m. — H.E. Mr. Jorge Voto-Bernales (Peru), President of the Security Council for November (on the programme of work of the Council)

## Announcements

**Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services**

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

*Today*, 2 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8: *French*

Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

**Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)**

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Friday, 3 November 2006**

### General Assembly
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10 a.m. 46th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [42]
   (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/61/3)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/370)
   (c) Report of the Executive Director of UNFPA (A/61/273)

2. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [43]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/176)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.15)

3. Culture of peace [44]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/61/175)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.11)
4. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [45]
5. Sport for peace and development [49]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/373)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.12)

## General Assembly

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**Informal Working Group on Mandate Review**

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

### Main Committees

**Second Committee**

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Mr. Khaled El-Bakly (Egypt), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) — International Year on Sanitation**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 10 to 11.45 a.m. in Conference Room GA-37

**Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9

**Facilitators, Mr. Iri Tharyat (Indonesia) and Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction - Natural disasters and vulnerability)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6

**Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6

**Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, following the adjournment of the afternoon meeting of the Second Committee, in Conference Room 2.

**Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)**

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6;

*Monday, 13 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

*Wednesday, 15 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "E-government as a tool for participation and inclusion" on Friday, 3 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Panel will address the opportunities and challenges of e-government, including its potential for citizen engagement and inclusive governance. It is also expected to highlight trends in e-government readiness and e-participation by reviewing existing approaches worldwide and analysing the structural and process changes associated with the concept, including its technological aspects. For further information, please visit <www.unpan.org/directory/conference/guest/browseoneconference.asp?conference_id=2918>.

The event, organized by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

**Third Committee**

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

*Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66)*

*10 a.m.*

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination).

**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold its 17th meeting on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

**Sixth Committee**

The Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism will meet on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 10 am. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Sixth Committee will hold its 19th meeting, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group.

## Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agend item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (conven by the delegation of Germany)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 48 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malar Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzani on behalf of the African Group)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Swe**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

*Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**Briefing for delegates on the United Nations Forum on Forests open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content on the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11-15 December 2006) (convened by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests a the Forum Secretariat)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. at the Economic and Social Counc Chamber

**Friends of the International Criminal Court**

**Meeting with the Registrar of the Court (in English)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room H.

**Briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance**

*Tuesday, 14 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

**African Group (Second Committee experts)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**Sixth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by UN-OHRLLS)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

**Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

**UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties**

**French Seminar**

*Tuesday, 7 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 9*; and

**English Seminar**

*Wednesday, 8 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

## Other forthcoming activities

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**Panel discussion on "Intellectual property rights and development" (sponsored by the United States Mission)**

*Friday, 3 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerry@state.gov).]

**Presentation on "An innovative instrument for financing sustained growth: GDP linked bonds" (sponso the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

*Monday, 6 November 2006*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6

[All are invited to attend.]

## Announcements

Security Council

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of t whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (www.un.org/Docs/sc/).

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitate work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distribute all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations a verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts he interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, when possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

# Summary of official meetings

**Wednesday, 1 November 2006**

## Security Council

5561st meeting — *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

*Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2006/821)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the distinguished Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire, His Excellency Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/854, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/854) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/854) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1721 (2006).*

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

### Main Committees

**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

20th meeting — *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [31]

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Switzerland, Japan, Turkey, Egypt, Qatar, India, the Sudan, Norway, Canada and China.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

**Third Committee**

53th meeting — *Promotion and protection of human rights* [67]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

*Right of reply*

The representatives of Myanmar, China, Israel, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Colombia and Japan, as well as the observer for Palestine, made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-items 67 (b) and (c).

*Report of the Human Rights Council*

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard a statement by th representative of Myanmar.

The representatives of Gabon, the Sudan, Finland, Liechtenstein and Egypt made statements on organizational matters.

The Chairman and the Secretary made statements.

On the proposal of the representative of Gabon, the Committee agreed to adjourn th debate under the item until the following day, Thursday, 2 November, in the mornin

**Fifth Committee**

14th meeting

*Human resources management* [

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The President of the United Nations Staff Union in New York made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand (on behalf of Australia Canada and New Zealand), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), China, Ghana, Bangladesh, Croatia, India, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saud Arabia, Jordan, Algeria, Viet Nam, Malawi, the Russian Federation, Japan, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Angola.

**Sixth Committee**

18th meeting

*Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session* [7

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission introduced chapters X, XI and X of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Bulgaria, Austria, Japan, the Netherlands, China, Mexico, Iraq, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Portugal, Germany, Switzerland and Jordan.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Confirmation of the declaration under article 14*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid. New York, 30 November 1973*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*International Convention against Apartheid in Sports. New York, 10 December 1985*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural Character. Lake Success, New York, 15 July 1949*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Agreement on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural materials. Lake Success, New York, 22 November 1950*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003*

*Succession*: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

*Acceptance*: Netherlands (31 October 2006)[1]

*International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005*

*Signature*: Colombia (1 November 2006)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties, Montreal, 17 September 1997*

*Ratification*: Uzbekistan (31 October 2006)[1]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Beijing, 3 December 1999*

*Ratification*: Uzbekistan (31 October 2006)[1]

**Treaty event**

**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006**

**Opening for signature**

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 t 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian tex are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued an signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentia alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# General information

## Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
To be announced

*Asian States:*
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

*Eastern European States:*
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernández

*Western European and other States:*
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

# Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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| A/60/49 (Vol. I) Corr.1 | Resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixtieth session — Supplement No. 49 [E (only)] |

**Disarmament Commission**

A/CN.10/PV.270 Meeting held on 10 April 2006, 3 p.m. [R]

**General Assembly**

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**Sixty-first session**

A/61/100/Add.1 Annotated draft agenda of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [A C E F R

A/61/536 Item 27 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Letter dated 23 October 2006 from t Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General [A C E F R S]

A/61/544 Items 116 and 117 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 Enhancing the role of the subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A E F R S]

**Second Committee**

A/C.2/61/L.17 Item 54 — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Huma Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.18 Item 53 (b) — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.19 Item 53 (g) — Sustainable development: report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.20 Item 55 (d) — Globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular t the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.21 Item 53 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — 11-Power draft resolution — International Year of Forests, 2011 [A C E F R S]

**Third Committee**

A/C.3/61/4 Item 61 — Advancement of women — Letter dated 11 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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| A/C.3/61/L.8/Rev.2 | Item 99 — International drug control — 37-Power revised draft resolution — International cooperation against the world drug problem [A C E F R S] |
| A/C.3/61/L.9/Rev.1 | Item 98 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — 34-Power revised draft resolution — Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity [A C E F R S] |
| A/C.3/61/L.17 | Item 68 — Report of the Human Rights Council — 63-Power draft resolution — International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance [A C E F R S] |
| A/C.3/61/L.18 | Item 68 — Report of the Human Rights Council — 27-Power draft resolution — Working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 [A C E F R S] |

**Fifth Committee**

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| A/C.5/61/6 | Item 106 (c) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments — Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |

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| S/2006/835 | Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Côte d'Ivoire [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/850 | 5-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/851 | Report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict in Burundi [A C E F R S] |
| S/PRST/2006/43 | Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/Agenda/5559 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |
| S/Agenda/5560 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |
| S/RES/1720 (2006) | Adopted by the Security Council at its 5560th meeting [A C E F R S] |

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

**Documents**

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**
**Pre-session working group**
**Thirty-eighth session**

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| CEDAW/C/VUT/Q/3 | List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of an initial second and third periodic reports — Vanuatu [A C E F R S] |

**Secretariat**

ST/ADM/SER.B/661 Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United N
Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [E F S

**Communications to the Editor**

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